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Date: August 11, 2004By: Deborah A. Mier**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****PATENT**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendments
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.